

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the subject application. This Response is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 12, 2005. Claims 1-15 are rejected. With this Amendment, claims 1, 6 and 11 are amended.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Applewhite, (U.S. Patent No. 6,711,575, hereinafter "Applewhite"). As discussed below, the pending claims are patentable over the above reference.

Applicants respectfully submit the cited art fails to teach, *inter alia*, as claimed in claim 1: "mapping the data stored in the structured environment to the destination to enable retrieval thereof by mapping data associated with the at least one source field, unchanged, directly to the at least one destination field, wherein the data remains mapped to the source, and wherein a physical storage location of the data in the structured environment is unaltered." Similar language is also included in independent claims 6 and 11.

Applewhite is directed to methods and systems for providing controllable public access to information contained in government records stored in a repository. Information is copied from the repository into a replica database. Secondary databases are provided that contain a subset of information in the replica database. Application interfaces are provided for each database to enable controllable access to information in the database.

Applewhite does not teach that data stored in a structured environment can be mapped to both a source and a destination. Applewhite also does not teach or suggest mapping data from a source field to a destination field.

Instead, in Applewhite, the data is first copied from a repository into a replica database, and then into a plurality of secondary databases. The Examiner cites col. 7, line 28 – col. 8, line 11 as teaching “mapping data associated with the at least one source field, unchanged, directly to the at least one destination field.” Applicants respectfully disagree. Applewhite merely teaches that copies of source database may be mapped into database replicas, and that data may be synchronized.

In addition, if the Examiner submits that Applewhite teaches mapping between the replicated database and the secondary database, then Applewhite does not teach or suggest all of the limitations of claim 1. The replicated database does not include a user interface; thus, Applewhite cannot teach mapping from a source field to a destination field, wherein the source field and destination field each pertain to first and second user interfaces, respectively.

In contrast, in embodiments of the presently claimed invention, the data does not need to be copied into a replica database. The data in the structured environment is mapped to both the source and the destination. In addition, in embodiments of the presently claimed invention, the data is mapped from a source field to a destination field.

As described in the specification at page 11, line 5, embodiments of the present invention “enable a flexible business service that allows the user to map data so that information/data entered in a data field in one UI display, for example, may appear in a data field in another UI display without the necessity of re-entering the information/data.”

Accordingly, the present invention, as claimed in claims 1, 6 and 11, and their corresponding dependent claims is not anticipated by Applewhite. Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the 102(e) rejection and submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Deposit Account Authorization

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

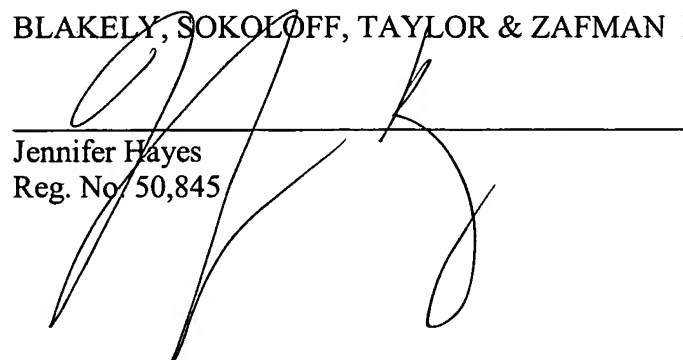
If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Jennifer Hayes at (408) 720-8300.

Respectfully submitted,

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